

## **Commissioners Take Steps to Retain and Grow Jobs**

**Columbus, OH** – The Franklin County Board of Commissioners this morning passed a resolution earmarking \$460,000 for construction of an aircraft taxi/parking ramp at Rickenbacker International Airport.

The agreement with the City of Columbus and the Columbus Regional Air Authority (operator of Rickenbacker) will facilitate AirNet's relocation from Port Columbus to Rickenbacker.

Commenting on this morning's resolution, Board President Arlene Shoemaker said, "By partnering with the City of Columbus and the Airport Authority we will make possible the construction of a new 131,000 square foot air cargo facility and ensure the retention of 430 jobs and add a minimum of 50 new jobs."

Investments resulting from this effort will result in the construction of a 9.3 million dollar aircraft hangar and equipment purchases of 6.5 million dollars.

Once settled into its new home, AirNet will generate 19.2 million dollars in taxable payroll, as well as generating projected revenues of approximately \$464,000 from 341 anticipated landings per week.

###